

# **Honorary and Special Membership Policy**

## **Honorary Membership**

Honorary Membership is granted to African Muslim Farmers Association members who make sustained and exemplary contributions in support of the Association with no feasible benefit expected or obtained.

All Honorary Membership candidates will be assessed by the Office of the Amir on merit.

Honorary Membership can be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of the Office of the Amir without assigning any reason for doing so.

When considering candidates, the Office of the Amir will evaluate the contribution made by the candidate to the Association through their knowledge, profession and position which would support or be of benefit to African Muslim Farmers Association. The candidates overall contribution to the African Muslim Farmers Association should outweigh the potential benefit the candidate receives from being a member of the African Muslim Farmers Association.

## **Eligible Nominees**

Must be:

1. Persons representing associations or organisations that support the agricultural sector. These associations or organisations must not be directly involved in farming.
2. Persons that have rendered distinguished service to the community or special services to the African Muslim Farmers Association.
3. Religious scholars not involved in farming
4. Individuals that are above 60 years and have retired from their career in farming.

The Amir of African Muslim Farmers Association is not eligible to be nominated for Honorary Membership. Any person directly involved in farming is also not eligible for honorary membership.

## **Application process**

Applications for consideration by the Office of the Amir will occur annually. Announcements on who was granted Honorary Membership and for what reason will be made at the Annual General Meeting.

A Nomination must:

1. Be approved by the Office of the Amir
2. Should a nomination be received for a current member of the Office of the Amir or a family member, the member will declare "an interest" and excuse himself from any discussions on the matter.



3. Submit a brief biography, including accomplishments, criteria met, and reasons for applying for Honorary Membership.

### **Frequency**

Honorary Membership candidates are reviewed annually. This does not necessarily mean that Honorary Membership is granted annually, but that it is still applicable to the candidate.

### **Exemptions from eligibility**

The Amir of African Muslim Farmers Association is not eligible as a recipient of Honorary Membership even if he meets the requirements set out in this policy. Shura Council members are eligible for consideration as recipients of Honorary Membership only if they do meet the requirements set out in this policy.

### **Rights and Privileges of Honorary Membership**

Honorary Members are exempt from paying any fees or levies, but hold all rights and privileges of ordinary members. Honorary Membership shall include the provision of all Member Benefits and be invited to General Meetings. Honorary Membership can be withdrawn immediately by the Office of the Amir, should it become aware that the member is deemed no longer eligible for membership. Should the African Muslim Farmers Association become aware that an Honorary Member is subject to criminal investigation or alleged breach of negligence / duty of care, Honorary Membership will be temporarily suspended during the investigation period and permanently removed if found guilty. Honorary Members shall be required to pay registration fees for all African Muslim Farmers Association meetings and events except the Annual General Meeting.

### **Return to Activity in Industry**

Honorary members who return to farming or a position that would make them ineligible for Honorary Membership status shall have their Honorary Status revoked until such time as they are no longer farming. The Honorary Status would then be reinstated by motion of the Office of the Amir.

### **Special Membership**

Special Membership is granted to African Muslim Farmers Association members who are unable to pay membership fees due to financial constraints.

All Special Membership candidates will be assessed by the Office of the Amir taking into account the candidates circumstances.

Special Membership can be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of the Office of the Amir without assigning any reason for doing so.

When considering candidates, the Office of the Amir will evaluate the overall circumstances of the candidate. The candidates should be willing to contribute time and effort to assist the African Muslim Farmers Association in a manner that the assistance outweighs the potential benefit the candidate receives from being a Special Member of the African Muslim Farmers Association.



### **Application process**

Applications for consideration by the Office of the Amir will occur annually. Announcements on the number of individuals who were granted special membership and for what reasons will be made at the Annual General Meeting. No names of individuals will be announced.

A candidate must:

1. Be approved by the Office of the Amir
2. Submit proof that he/she qualifies for special membership due to financial constraints.

### **Frequency**

Special Membership candidates are reviewed annually. This does not necessary mean that Special Membership is granted annually, but that it is still applicable to the candidate.

### **Exemptions from eligibility**

Members of the Office of the Amir are not eligible as recipients of Special Membership even if they meet the requirements set out in this policy.

### **Rights and Privileges of Special Membership**

Special Members are exempt from paying any fees or levies, but hold all rights and privileges of ordinary members except if otherwise stated in this policy. Special Membership shall be excluded from holding any position in the Office of the Amir. Special Members will be invited to General Meetings. Special Membership can be withdrawn immediately by the Office of the Amir, should it become aware that the member is deemed no longer eligible for Special Membership. Should the African Muslim Farmers Association become aware that an Special Member is subject to criminal investigation or alleged breach of negligence / duty of care, Special Membership will be temporarily suspended during the investigation period and permanently removed if found guilty. Special Members shall not be required to pay registration fees for all Association meetings and events including the Annual General Meeting.

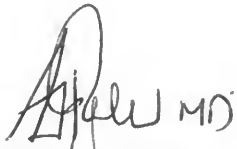
### **Return to Activity in Industry**

Special Members who return to a position that would make them eligible for regular membership status in the association shall have their Special Membership Status revoked until such time as they are again financially constrained. The Special Status would then be reinstated by motion of the Office of the Amir.

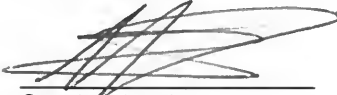
Date of Resolution of Office of the Amir: 10 April 2016

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above is the Honorary and Special Membership policy of the African Muslim Farmers Association adopted at Houghton on the 10th April 2016.





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